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Mausoleums, Vaults, Etc.—Prohibited in Certain Cities When Building Containing is Wholly or Partially Above Surface of Ground. (Act June 1, 1915.)

SECTION 1. That no person, firm, or corporation shall hereafter, in cities of the second class, commence, build, construct, or erect any public or community vault or mausoleum—that is to say, vaults, crypts, or mausoleums, wherein such vaults, crypts, or parts of mausoleums, are intended to be sold or offered for sale to the public—for the interment therein of human bodies, where such public or community vaults, crypts, or mausoleums are in a building or buildings wholly or partially above the surface of the ground.

Mattresses—Making, Leasing, and Sale. Secondhand Mattresses—Labeling. (Act May 14, 1915.)

SECTION 1. That section 2 of an act entitled “An act defining mattresses; regulating the making, remaking, and sale thereof; prohibiting the use of insanitary and unhealthy materials therein; requiring that the materials used shall be accurately described, and prescribing the manner in which mattresses shall be labeled; providing for the enforcement of the provisions of this act; making certain acts criminal, and punishing the same; imposing certain duties upon the commissioner of health and the chief factory inspector; and repealing legislation inconsistent with this act,” approved the 1st day of May, A. D. 1913, * * *, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 2. (1) No person or corporation, by himself or his agents, servants, or employees, shall employ or use in the making, remaking, or renovating of any mattress:

(a) Any material of any kind that has been used in, or has formed a part of, any mattress used for or about any person having any infectious or contagious disease;

(b) Any material known as “shoddy,” and made in whole or in part from old or worn clothing, carpets, or other fabric, or material previously used, or any other fabric or material from which shoddy is constructed;

(c) Any material, not otherwise prohibited by this act, of which prior use has been made, unless the said material has been thoroughly sterilized and disinfected by a reasonable process approved by the commissioner of health of this Commonwealth.

(2) No person or corporation, by himself or by his agents, servants, or employees, shall sell, lease, offer to sell, or lease or deliver, or consign in sale or lease, or have in his possession with intent to sell, lease, deliver, or consign in sale or lease:

(a) Any mattress that has been used for or about any person having any infectious or contagious disease;

(b) Any mattress made, remade, or renovated in violation of subsection one of this section;

(c) Any mattress, not otherwise prohibited by this act, of which prior use has been made, unless since last used it has been thoroughly sterilized and disinfected by a reasonable process approved by the commissioner of health of this Commonwealth.

SEC. 2. That section 3 of said act * * * be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 3. (1) No person or corporation, by himself or by his agents, servants, or employees, shall, directly or indirectly, at wholesale or retail, or otherwise,

sell, *lease*, offer to sell or *lease*, or *consign in sale or lease*, or have in their possession with intent to sell or lease, or consign in sale or lease, any mattress that shall not have plainly and indelibly written or printed thereon, or upon a plain muslin or linen tag securely sewed to the covering thereof, a statement in the English language setting forth:

(a) The materials used in filling said mattress, and whether the same are, in whole or in part, new or old;

(b) The name and address of the maker, vendor, or *successive vendors*;

(c) And, upon a mattress of which prior use has been made, the words "*secondhand*," together with the date of sterilization and disinfection, and the name and address of the person or corporation sterilizing or disinfecting the same.

No additional information shall be contained in said statement.

(2) No person or corporation, by himself or by his agents, servants, or employees, shall place upon any mattress the statements required by subsection 1 (a) and (b) of this section unless said mattress has been made, remade, or renovated by him in accordance with this act; and no person or corporation, by himself or his agents, servants, or employees, shall place upon any mattress the statements required by subsection 1 (c) of this section unless the said mattress has been sterilized and disinfected by him in accordance with this act: Provided, That the vendor, in either case, shall insert his name and address in the statement.

SEC. 3. That section 6 of said act * * * be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 6. The statement required under section 3 of this act shall be *not less than 3 by 4½ inches in size*, and in form shall be as follows:

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Materials used in filling-----

Made by -----

Address-----

Vendor-----

Address-----

This article is made in compliance with the act of Assembly of Pennsylvania approved the 1st day of May, 1913, as amended.

TEXAS.

Watercourses—Prevention of Pollution. (Act Feb. 25, 1915.)

Section 1 of the act of March 27, 1913,¹ which was published in the Public Health Reports October 24, 1913, page 2275, was amended to read as follows (new matter added by the amendment is shown by italics):

"SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation, private or municipal, to pollute any watercourse, or other public body of water, from which water is taken for the uses of farm, live stock, drinking, and domestic purposes, in the State of Texas, by the discharge, directly or indirectly, of any sewage or unclean water or unclean or polluting matter or thing therein,

¹ Reprint No. 264, p. 474.